

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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<b>Fredéric SGIER et al.</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 3775
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Application No.: 10/766,911	)	Examiner: Shaffer, Richard R.
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Filed: January 30, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 4613
	)	
For: <b>VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS</b>	)	
<b>DEVICE</b>	)	

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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), and fulfills the requirements for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 3, 2008. The period for reply was previously extended through January 3, 2009, and has been further extended through March 3, 2009, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time (second and third months) and the requisite fee payment. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are included in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.